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Heyman et al.

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Examiner:

C.B. Wilder

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from December 25, 2003 to February 25, 2004.

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Enclosed is Check No. 554530 in the amount of \$420.00 in payment of the Two (2) Months extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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